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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

The enclosed Amendment and Response replies to the non-final Office Action dated April 22, 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below. Enclosed herewith is a **Petition for Extension of Time** of two (2) months, from July 22, 2004, to and including September 22, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.